

elimination of approximately 54.2 miles from Southern's pipeline system.

Southern maintains that, after the sale, the facilities can be classified as gathering facilities in accordance with the Commission's "modified primary function" test. Southern indicates that Texas Southeastern plans to use these facilities to expand its pipeline facilities and operations in the immediate areas and continue to deliver gas into Southern's pipeline system. Southern states that it will also save Texas Southeastern the cost of building duplicate facilities. Southern says that there will be no loss of service since any request for service on the facilities will be performed by the new owner.

Prior to the transfer of facilities, Southern will construct, install and operate at the terminus of the facilities a new receiving station under its blanket certificate pursuant to section 157.208(a) of the Commission's regulations. Southern reports that the total cost of the station will be borne solely by Texas Southeastern. Southern states that, subsequent to the sale, Southern's shippers, if they so choose, will be able to nominate receipt volumes at the new receiving station. Southern says these receipt volumes could include existing sources from the current gathering system as well as the sources developed by Texas Southeastern.

Southern currently provides firm and interruptible transportation service through the facilities. After the transfer of the facilities, Texas Southeastern intends to offer gathering services comparable to those offered by other gas gatherers, at negotiated rates.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to R. David Hendrickson at (205) 325-7114 or Margaret M. Morton at (205) 325-7354, Southern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 30, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene

in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Southern to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-302-001]

#### Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 9, 1999.

Take notice that on July 6, 1999, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to be effective June 3, 1999:

Substitute Original Sheet No. 86A

Viking states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's June 3, 1999 Letter Order issued in Docket No. RP99-302-000, 87 FERC ¶ 61,280 (June 3, 1999 Order). In the June 3, 1999 Order, the Commission directed Viking to remove the proposed revised language to Section XXIII(4) of the General Terms and Conditions of Viking's FERC Gas Tariff and to reinstate Section XXIII(d).

Vikings states that copies of this filing have been served upon each person or company named on the Commission's service list in the above-captioned proceeding, on Viking's jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-413-000]

#### Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 9, 1999.

Take notice that on July 6, 1999, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to be effective August 1, 1999.

Viking states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines, Order No. 587-K, issued on April 2, 1999 in Docket No. RM96-1-011, FERC Regulations Preambles ¶ 31,072.

Viking states that copies of this filing have been served on all of Viking's jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings.